



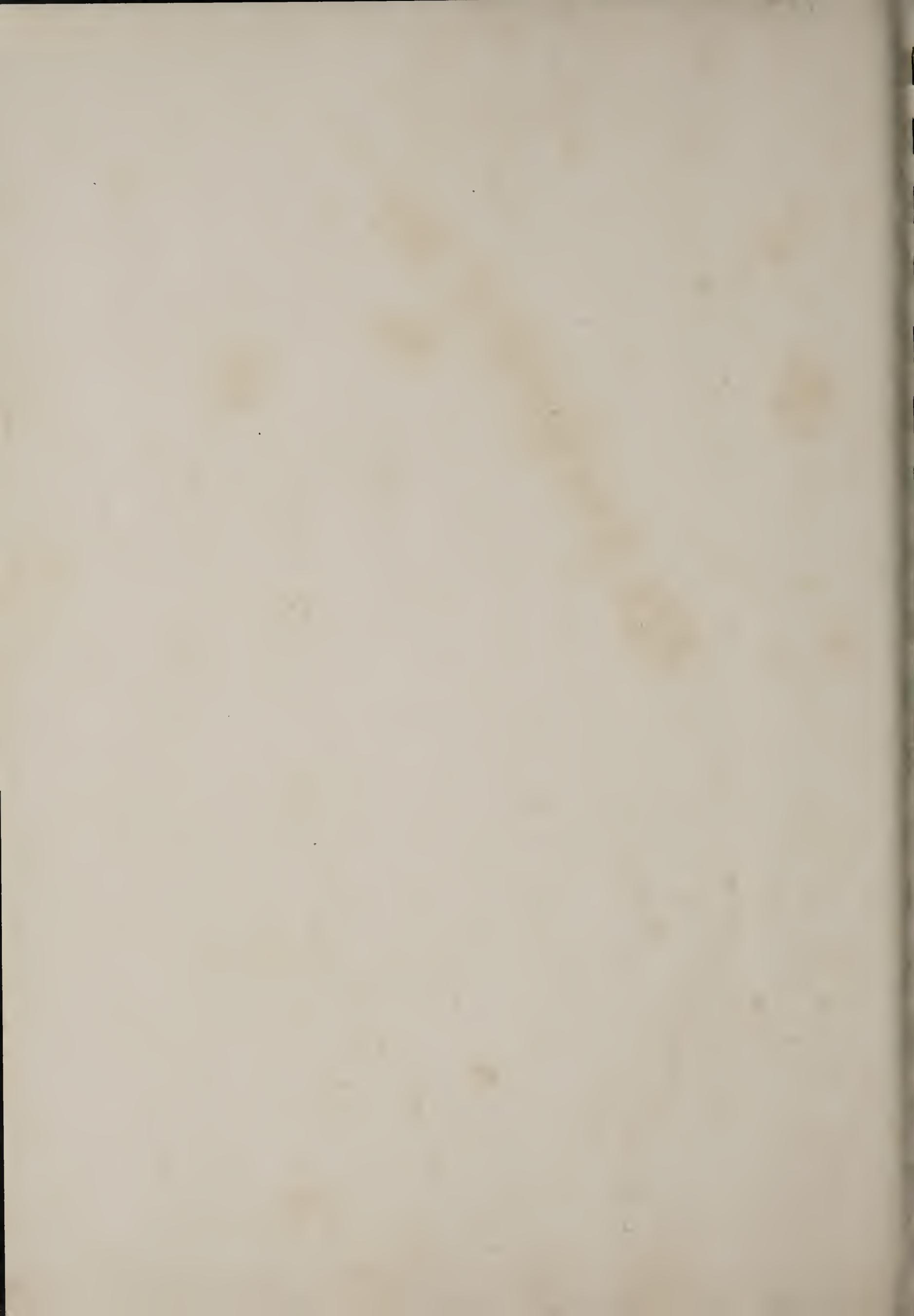
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PRESENTATION

In the book of memories which follows this presentation, the staff has tried to conquer all of the life of Ireland High School for 1952-53. This year has been especially filled with events and reminison. We present this yearbook to all who might find it memorable in future years.

DEDICATION

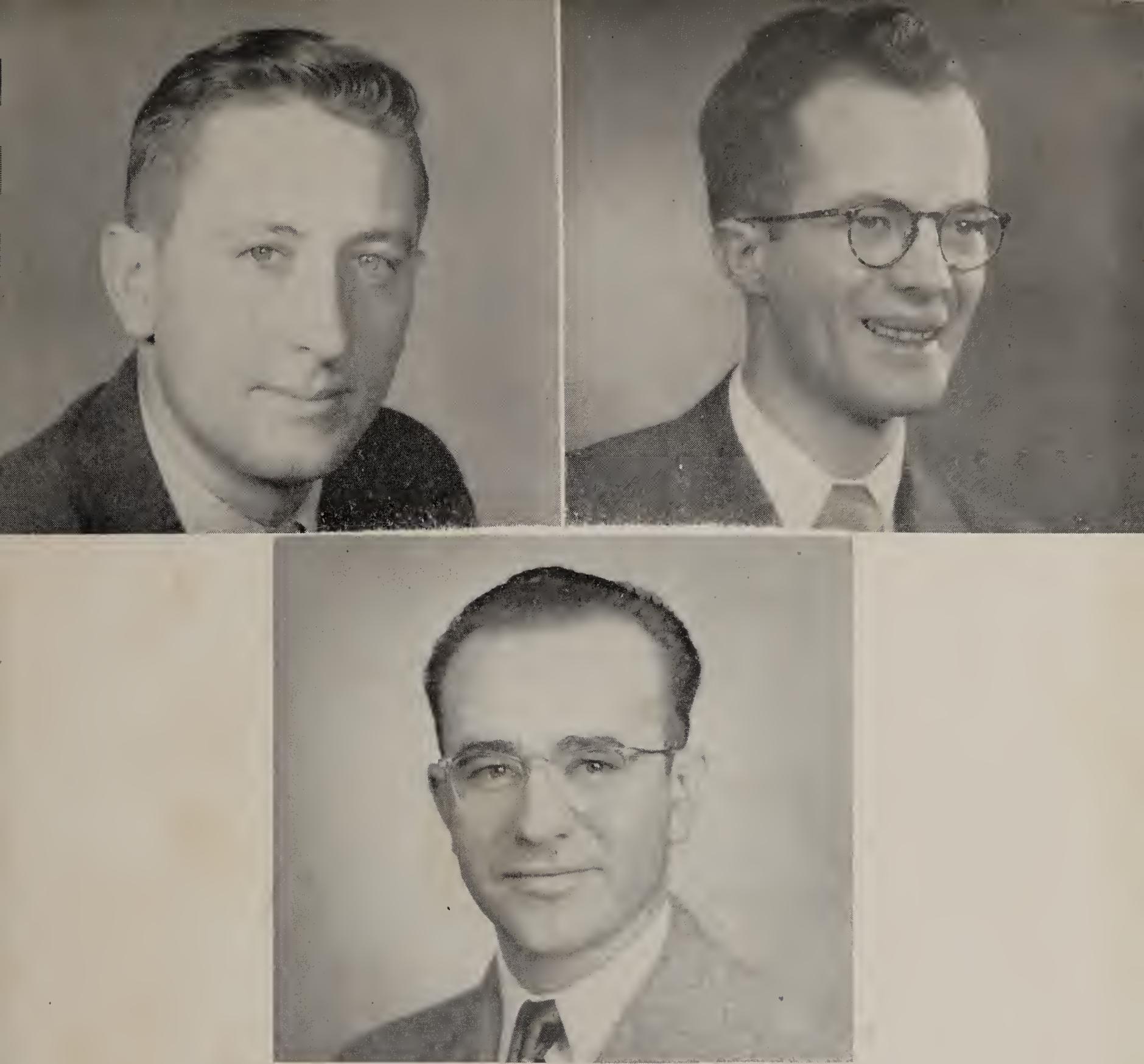
The IRISHITE STAFF of "53" dedicates this annual to a man of high intelligence and fine personality. He has helped us in many ways during our four years at Ireland High School. The staff wishes him the best of luck through his many years of teaching in the future. We dedicate this annual to Earl "Woody" Buechler, our sponsor.



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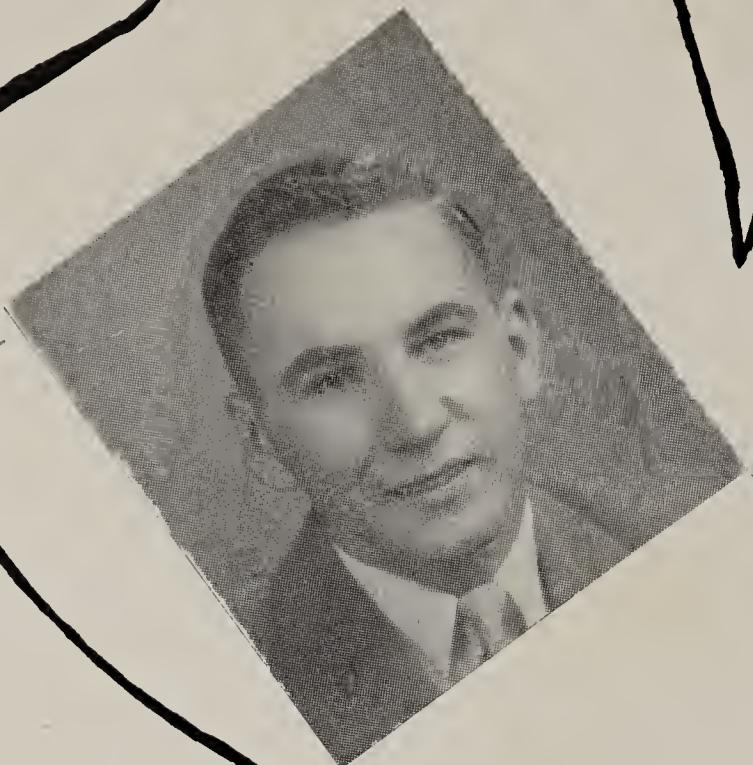
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introducing
seniors



President
TOM HOFFMAN
A lady's man, but an
ideal president

Vice-President
MARY BONIFER
Neatness, looks, what more
could you want?



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LUCILLE WEISHEIT
Always jolly, and good hearted.

Treasurer
JUNIE HIMSEL
Brains and athletes combined.

TOM KELLAMS
Woo-Woo-The guy wanted by
many girls.

ESTHER BARTLEY
Brains, personality combined.

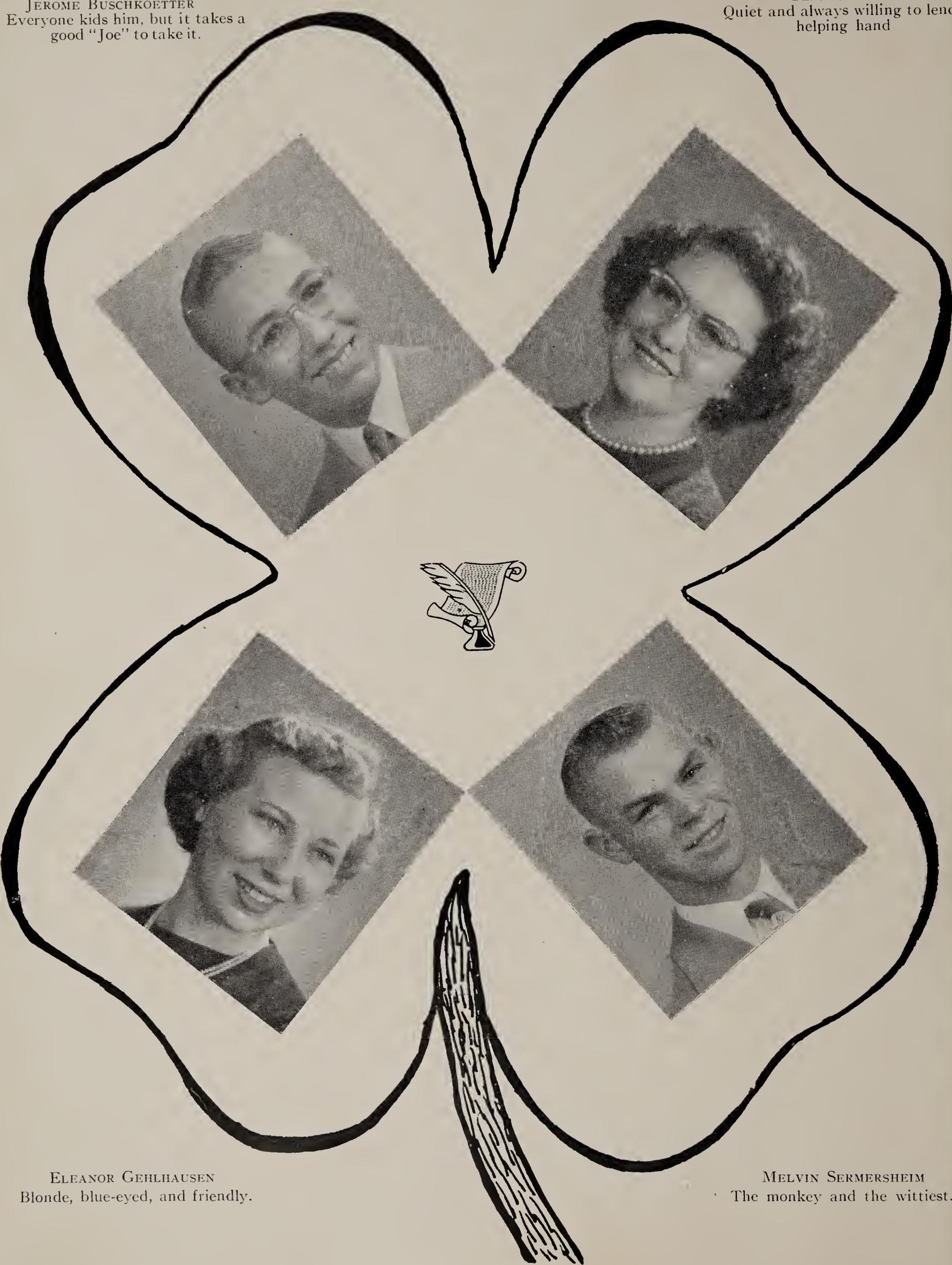


MARTHA SCHNAUS
Short and sweet, but hard to beat.

JERRY WAGNER
The wolf of the class

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER
Everyone kids him, but it takes a
good "Joe" to take it.

GLADYS RAGLE
Quiet and always willing to lend a
helping hand



ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN
Blonde, blue-eyed, and friendly.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM
The monkey and the wittiest.

JIM WEISHEIT
The mischevious, but
always innocent kid.

DONALD JOHNSON
A newcomer but not long.

JEANIE MURRAY
The girl that is liked
by everyone.



HELEN SERMERSHEIM
The girl with dimples
when she smiles

RONNIE MALAN
Tall, dark and handsome.



CLASS HISTORY

In the year of 1949, eighteen "forty-niners" commenced their journey which ended with a sheep skin on the night of April 24, 1953. Along the way three beginners fell by the wayside but we were happy to pick up two on the way, finishing with seventeen.

Our first officers were: Esther Bartley, Junie Himsel, Lucille Weisheit, and Tom Kellams.

On October 13, 1949 we were officially initiated by the sophomore class. On December 2, a member of our class, Miss Martha Schnaus was crowned basketball queen for 1949-50.

We had four parties in our freshman year and closed the books for our first year when our class and Mr. Buechler took an interesting educational trip to Evansville. We visited the State Hospital, Evansville College, Evansville Courier and Press, saw a movie and a Braves ball game.

Four months without a party was too long so we had a chicken fry at Wagner's pond during the vacation.

For our sophomore year we had Mr. Roy Allen as our sponsor and Junie Himsel, Melvin Sermersheim, Mary Bonifer and Martha Schnaus were our officers.

On October 19 we entertained and initiated 21 green freshmen, a party we had long awaited since the year before when we were initiated ourselves.

The attendants for the 1950-51 basketball queen were Eleanor Gehlhausen and Esther Bartley.

At the end of the school year we took a class trip to Wyandotte Cave.

The next September we were jolly juniors and in our last half of high school. Mrs. Frances Weaver was our class sponsor and Eleanor Gehlhausen, Jim Weisheit, Jeanie Murray, and Tom Hoffman were our officers.

The senior class took us to a movie at the Drive In. After the movie we had lunch at Yaggie's restaurant.

In November our class sponsored a stocking foot dance in the gym.

The class sold magazines to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Attendants for the queen's court were Gladys Ragle and Helen Sermersheim.

Then an important event took place, an event we had long looked forward to—our first class play.





We presented a three act comedy play entitled "The Atomic Blonde" with Mrs. Weaver as our director.

The Junior-Senior Prom was held at the American Legion Home on April 22, 1952. The king and queen were Leland Durcholz and Marita Gress.

We had a party and took a class trip to Spring Mill on the last day of school.

Then came our final and most important year of high school—our senior year. Mr. Earl Buechler was our class sponsor and Tom Hoffman, Mary Bonifer, Lucille Weisheit, and Junie Himsel were our class officers.

We gave a drive-in party for the juniors. After the movie we all had lunch at Sakel's Drive In.

"Comin' Round the Mountain" was the title of our senior play, which was given on October 15 and 16. The director of the three-act hillbilly play was Mr. Buechler. We had a party after the play at Martha's house. Some of the things which the senior class sponsored during the year were a leap year dance; a bake sale; a stocking-foot dance; and the Christmas Party.

Miss Esther Bartley was our basketball queen for 1952-53. Mary Bonifer was the maid-of-honor, and Martha Schnaus was the attendant.

We all enjoyed ourselves at the chicken-fry which Mr. Buechler gave us.

At the *Irishite* meeting held at the editor's home, Jeanie Murray's mother served a delicious chicken dinner.

All of our work was done with a purpose in mind. On April 26, we left on a wonderful trip to Washington, D. C. and New York City. On Sunday May 3, when we stepped off the B & O car our senior year and high school days were past.



SENIOR DISPOSITIONS

<i>Names</i>	<i>Expression</i>	<i>Likes</i>	<i>Dislikes</i>	<i>Ambition</i>	<i>Ideals</i>
MARTHA SCHNAUS	Ohh! Joe	Eating	Government tests	Farmer's wife	Clothes
ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN	honest-to gosh	Bookkeeping	Tests	Nurse	Eyes
HELEN SERMERSHEIM	O shucks	Ball games	Government tests	Secretary	Friendliness
LUCILLE WEISHEIT	Oh! Gosh	Being in class plays	Government	Missionary or nurse	Complexion
MARY BONIFER	Oh-h-Woody	Letters	S-'s	To be happy-go-lucky	Teeth
GLADYS RAGLE	Wait!	Ball games	Speed tests	Nurse's Aid	Kindness
ESTHER BARTLEY	"I reckon"	Parties	Tests	Secretary	Hair
JEANIE MURRAY	You're silly!	Having fun	Economics Class	Airline Stewardess	Personality
JEROME BUSCHKOETTER	Oh Heck	Cold balogna	To be bossed	Ladies' man	Sport
JUNIE HIMSEL	Come on	Eat, then eat some more	Drawn out Economics classes	Try anything once	Hair
JERRY WAGNER	My gosh anyway	Eating	Bookkeeping	Agriculture teacher	Wit
TOM HOFFMAN	I don't know	Nothing	Girls	Doctor	Physique
TOM KELLAMS	Haha	Leap year dances	Typing	Veterinarian	Smile
DON JOHNSON	I didn't do anything	Marylyn	Themes	Jet Ace Pilot	Neatness
RONALD MALAN	Wasn't me	Fooling around	Losing ballgames	President of U. S.	Complexion
MELVIN SERMERSHEIM	Don't blame me	Beer	Leap Year dances	Be his own boss	Eyes
JIM WEISHEIT	Oh gorsh!!	Girls,girls, girls	School	Bachelor	Teeth

CLASS POEM

This little poem is a reminder to you,
Of the class of "53" whose school days are thru.

We've served our four years, and loved every day;
From our freshman initiation, to our senior class play.

Esther became our basketball queen.
In all of the crowning, she stole the scene.

Mary's the gal who drives a Nash car,
Her ambitions in life are to go very far.

Bushie's the guy whom you all know.
He takes a lot of teasing, but he's a good old "Joe".

Eleanor is the blondie of our class.
She makes good grades and she's pretty nice.

Junie is the boy that can use the basketball;
He started out little but ended up tall.

Tom H. was our class president our senior year.
He led us well with lots of cheer.

Don was a transfer from another school,
But he fit in well with the rest of the crew.

Tom K. is the envy of many a boy,
For his personality, looks, and he's known as Roy.

Ronnie was a very good helper known all over town,
He's the fellow who sure gets around.

Jeanie led us through the basketball seasons;
She helped us keep winning, for quite a few reasons.

Gladys is known for her pop corn,
Her niceness and her walks in the morn.

Martha's a gal whom you all know,
You should see her light up when you mention Joe.

Helen is short and is she sweet,
She's very mischievous, and hard to beat.

Melvin has more names than any other guy,
He's lots of fun and not so shy.

Jerry is very good lookin, I'll say if I can,
A real swell guy to have for a friend.

Jim has a mischievous look always in his eye,
An innocent fellow and a pretty nice guy.

Lucille who was our Santa Claus,
Was always working but never a boss.

We've had lots of fun, and wish we could stay,
But we've all looked forward to graduation day.

We'll miss all of you after we're gone,
For you were our friends of whom we were so fond.

CLASS WILL

ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN wills her driving ability to anyone who wants it.

JUNIE HIMSEL wills his ability to sing to John Gehlhausen.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM wills his ability to get along with Mr. Lasher to Donnie Bellner.

LUCILLE WEISHEIT wills her school spirit to those who need it.

HELEN SERMERSHEIM wills her typing errors to Frances Mehringer.

TOM HOFFMAN wills his ability to get out of school to anyone who can get by with it.

ESTHER MAE BARTLEY wills her first seat in the assembly to Shirley Brescher.

MARTHA JANE SCHNAUS wills her "S" in citizenship to Pat Stenftenagel.

TOM KELLAMS wills his curly hair to John Weisman.

DON JOHNSON wills his ability to read comic books in school to anyone who is smart enough to get away with it.

JERRY WAGNER wills his manly physique to Gary Schmitt.

MARY CATHERINE BONIFER wills her courtesy and manners to anyone who wants them.

JEANIE MURRAY wills her cheer-leading experience to Dolores Pfaff.

JIM WEISHEIT wills his ability to drive any motor vehicle to all experts.

GLADYS RAGLE wills her long walks to the bus to Betty Schnaus.

LUCILLE WEISHEIT wills her ability to act to Daniel Hopf.

RONALD MALAN "Ain't got nuttin fer to give away to no-one."

JEANIE MURRAY wills her Purina feed sack dress to Phyllis Armstrong.

MARTHA JANE SCHNAUS wills her gum-chewing in Government class to Mary Ann Kieffner.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER wills his ability to take out any girl he wants, to Albert Miller.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM wills his ability to catch foxes to Tom Sendelweck.

ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN wills her study habits to Pete Armstrong.

JERRY WAGNER wills all of his themes to Earl Buechler.

HELEN SERMERSHEIM wills her height to Charles Mehringer.

MARY BONIFER wills her dark hair to Jackie Sermersheim.

TOM HOFFMAN wills his ability to date the cheer-leaders to Urban Schwenk.

DONALD JOHNSON wills his economics ability to Joe Jaent.

ESTHER MAE BARTLEY wills her '52 Chevie to Margie Blessinger.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER wills his ability of being student manager to Albert Miller.

GLADYS RAGLE wills her studying habits to Daniel Hopf.

JIM WEISHEIT wills his ability to play basketball to Allen Weisheit.

TOM KELLAMS wills his manners to Kenny Hoffman.

JEANIE MURRAY wills her "50 minute" man to no-one.

RONALD MALAN would like for Bushy to will all of the girls to him.

Remember When

ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN called Jim Weisheit up for a date. We drove down to Wagner's on a bicycle and it started raining.

TOM HOFFMAN lost his car keys.

The lights went out at play practice.

It rained on us during our trip to Evansville.

ESTHER BARTLEY found a mouse in her sweater pocket.

We took a trip to Wyandotte Cave.

The girls played basketball in the Freshmen year.

Our class sweaters and rings were new.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER was casting his eye toward Jeanie Murray in the sophomore year.

MARTHA SCHNAUS ran a stop sign in Huntingburg.

JEANIE tore her dress in the Senior Class Play.

We had our leap-year dance.

The girls made ice-cream and watched T. V.

The candy and coke machines went hay-wire.

LUCILLE WEISHEIT got a Toni in a pep rally.

GLADYS RAGLE was serenaded by the boys.

RONALD MALAN fell off the bucket at play practice.

DONALD JOHNSON kissed Ton Hoffman when the lights went out at play practice.

HELEN SERMERSHEIM had a crush on Junie Himsel.

MARY BONIFER got an "S-" in courtesy and manners.

MR. LASHER gave us so many government tests.

TOM KELLAMS played hookey from school.

JUNIE HIMSEL started to go with Betty Schnaus.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM had to get in every night at 10 o'clock.

Senior girls were Freshmen and were found looking in the biology room door.

MARTHA SCHNAUS fell off the tetter-totter.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM and MARY BONIFER had surprise birthday parties.

The night Ireland beat Otwell.

JIM WEISHEIT pulled the spark plug wires in Jerome Buschkoetter's car.

JERRY WAGNER kissed the queen.

The boys went to the regional in "1952".

JUNIE HIMSEL was sent out of health class.

JIM WEISHEIT took a mouse over to Ame's after play practice.

MARY BONIFER's best friend was against her.

EARL "WOODY" BUECHLER's hat was "somewhere" at Otwell.

Ireland won the tourney.





CLASS PROPHECY

Since I have tucked my little grandchildren to bed, I think I'll sit up awhile and read. Let me see, what book would I like best. Here it is, the old school album. This should suffice for tonight. Now to enjoy the rest of the evening, I will get a comfortable chair and sit in front of the fireplace.

The first picture I come to is that of Miss GLADIOLIA LELAND REEGAL the famous movie actress whom we all knew by the name of GLADYS RAGLE. Miss REEGAL had won an academy award for her performance in the picture, *Where Art Thou, Romeo?* She married the producer of this picture and is still starring in pictures.

DONNIE JOHNSON and RONNIE MALAN, who both became middle-weight boxers and married twin sisters, are next in this album. Both DONNIE and RONNIE had become such good boxers that they were forced to fight each other for the championship bout. Nothing much happened until the 15th round when Don and Ron each landed a hard slug that knocked them both out. After that they retired and vowed never to fight again.

MARY BONIFER joined the waves soon after she graduated from college so that she might be close to her future husband, who is in the navy. She decided to make it her career. MARY is still an Admiral and is planning to retire soon if the Waves can get along without her. Maybe she can finally settle down with her husband who is also retiring.

The Great Sebastian whom we all knew by the name of JIM WEISHEIT has been one of the world's most daring trapeze fliers. He has been with many of the great circuses and has traveled all over the world. At present he is the owner of his own circus and his son is the manager. All the women will remember *The Great Sebastian!*

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM became a pilot and took many trips around the world. Later he joined the Air Force, piloted a jet plane and soon became a jet ace. In later years, after re-

tiring, he took trips in his private plane. On one of these trips he was forced to land on the Hawaiian Islands. There he met and married a dancer who had lovely black hair and golden tan complexion. Later it was learned the girl was none other than ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN. ELEANOR had earlier in life decided that she had one purpose in life and that was to get rich. She used every disguise possible and when the fabulous SERMERSHEIM came along, she made the catch. MELVIN seemed well pleased with the whole set-up.

THOMAS GENE HOFFMAN is president of the *American National Bank* of New York City. It seems as if the women just couldn't let MR. HOFFMAN alone. They were all running after him for his money, and of course *his looks*. At the last report he was married to his sixth wife, Madame Fifi of Bourgandy. TOMMY's philosophy is *work for the women, for what else is there in life?*

MARTHA SCHNAUS had been modeling clothes for the *Sten and Nagel Co.* She married the boss of this company and took up housekeeping, and seems to enjoy it very much. MARTHA recently has received the honor of being named grandmother of the year. She has 16 grand-children and 46 great-grand-children.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER has been a great success for the past twenty years in his own TV show which has been the favorite program of millions of kids. Every day you will find him on the *Katterbusch Kid Program*. Although he has made millions, the public just won't let him retire. The *Katterbusch Kid* is on every puffed wheat box put out. Three rabs for BUSHY!

I then turned the page and there was the picture of Helen Sermersheim, the famous opera singer. Miss Sermersheim had sung in the Metropolitan Opera and many other widely known places. Before taking up singing, she was world champion swimmer in the Olympics. Critics have placed Helen with the best in the "long-haired" profession.

After graduating from IU where he took up coaching and teaching JUNIE HIMSEL came back and taught at Ireland High. The first year he coached here his team took the sectional and the third year they took the state. That summer Junie took a trip to Mexico and became so interested in bullfighting that he made it his career. In his last fight he had his patella dislocated and may not be able to ever thrill the ladies again.

Next is the picture of LUCILLE WEISHEIT. I am sure that everyone has heard of *Lucy's Skaters*. Lucille is the star of her own ice show; she also produces the shows. She has appeared in practically every state with her show and millions have seen her. Lucy's leisure time is taken up by her hobby of braiding horsetail hair into bracelets and necklaces.

JERRY WAGNER, who is now Dr. Jerome Wagner, has made a big success of himself. At present he is practicing his profession in the great city of Ireland. Some of the sickness he cures are love-sickness and home-sickness. It has been said that he is making a wonderful living for his family of 15.

Then there was the picture of JEANIE MURRAY. She has been with a rodeo show all the time until she tried to ride the *Dangerous Black Stallion*.

No one ever stayed on him for more than 30 seconds. The wonderful *Feeenie*, as she is called, had the 85,000 people shouting and screaming for 4 minutes and 39 seconds when it happened. Jeanie's 3 yards and 29 inch hair got caught in the stallion's back feet and threw her. The young one ended up in the doctors office and from there on she took up a different profession, that of housekeeping.

TOM KELLAMS is now a world famous big game hunter. He has hunted in the darkest parts of Africa and many other dangerous places. You can go in Tom's house now and find the heads of many ferocious animals which he killed, hanging on his walls. If you have Tom to tell you of his experiences, you will probably find your hair standing on end.

Last was the picture of ESTHER BARTLEY, now Mrs. Tomkell. She has become very famous and is known as an international lecturer and writer. Her latest book which has become a best seller is entitled *How to Bathe Without Getting Wet*. At the last report received from Africa, she was lecturing to the natives in Belgian Congo on how to treat frost bites.

Oh my! it's midnight and high time for bed. This certainly has been an enjoyable evening.



*Introducing
Underclassmen*



Junior Class

On September 2, 1952, 14 Jolly Juniors entered school and are preparing for the senior year which is yet to come.

At the first class meeting the president from last year took over until we had our new officers elected. The new officers are as follows: Marlene Vonderheide, *President*; Lavonne Dillon, *Vice-President*; Dave Schitter, *Secretary*; and Sylvester Rohleder, *Treasurer*.

Four members from our class are on the basketball team. They are Dave Schitter, Sylvester Rohleder, Charles Lee Mendel, Charles W. Mehringer. Gladys Schitter represents our class from the cheering section.

On November 10, we elected two members to represent the junior class in the Queen's Court. They were Marlenee Vonderheide and Frances Mehringer.

One of the most important events of the school year was the Junior-Senior Prom, which was held the latter part of April. A delicious dinner was served at 6:30. The rest of the evening was spent dancing to the music of a popular orchestra.

The Junior Class Play was given the middle part of April. The play kept the audience laughing from start to finish. Miss Garrison directed the play. The entire class participated in the play.

During the year several parties were held. These parties were made possible by selling cokes at the basketball games. We also had a magazine and Christmas card sale to raise money. Everyone in the class helped to make the money. One party was given to us by our class sponsor, Mr. Barkley, with the help of Mrs. Weaver. Everyone enjoyed the party.

First Row—SHIRLEY BRESCHER, LAVONNE DILLON,

Second Row—DALE DURCHOLZ, MARY LOU DURCHOLZ.

Third Row— JACKIE HAYES, GERRY HOFFMAN.

Fourth Row—CHARLES MEHRINGER, FRANCES MEHRINGER.

Fifth Row—CHARLES MENDEL, SYLVESTER ROHLEDER.

Sixth Row—DAVID SCHITTER, GLADYS SCHITTER.

Seventh Row — VIRGINIA WEIDENBENNER, MARLEEN VONDERHEIDE.





Sophomore Class

Seventeen silly sophomores full of mischief entered Ireland High School on Sept. 6, 1952.

We elected class officers as follows: Pres. Betty Schnaus, Vice Pres. Linda Sermersheim, Sec. Monica Terwiske, Treas. Daniel Hoff, Sponsor Mr. Kemp.

From our class we had Betty Schnaus as one of the four cheer-leaders, and Monica Terwiske and Joan Dorcholz in the Queen's court.

On Sept. 23, we initiated 30 Freshmen. We treated them to a shampoo, some worms, raw eggs, cats eyes, electric shock, and etc. By the time we were finished with them they were a sight for sore eyes.

We ordered and received our class sweaters. They are blue with blue letters and numbers on a white background. We have our class rings ordered and expect to receive them in April.

And so 17 silly sophomores say goodbye to Ireland High School hoping all will be back next year as Jolly Juniors.

First Row—DANIEL HOFF, THOMAS SENDELWECK, JOSEPH JAENT.

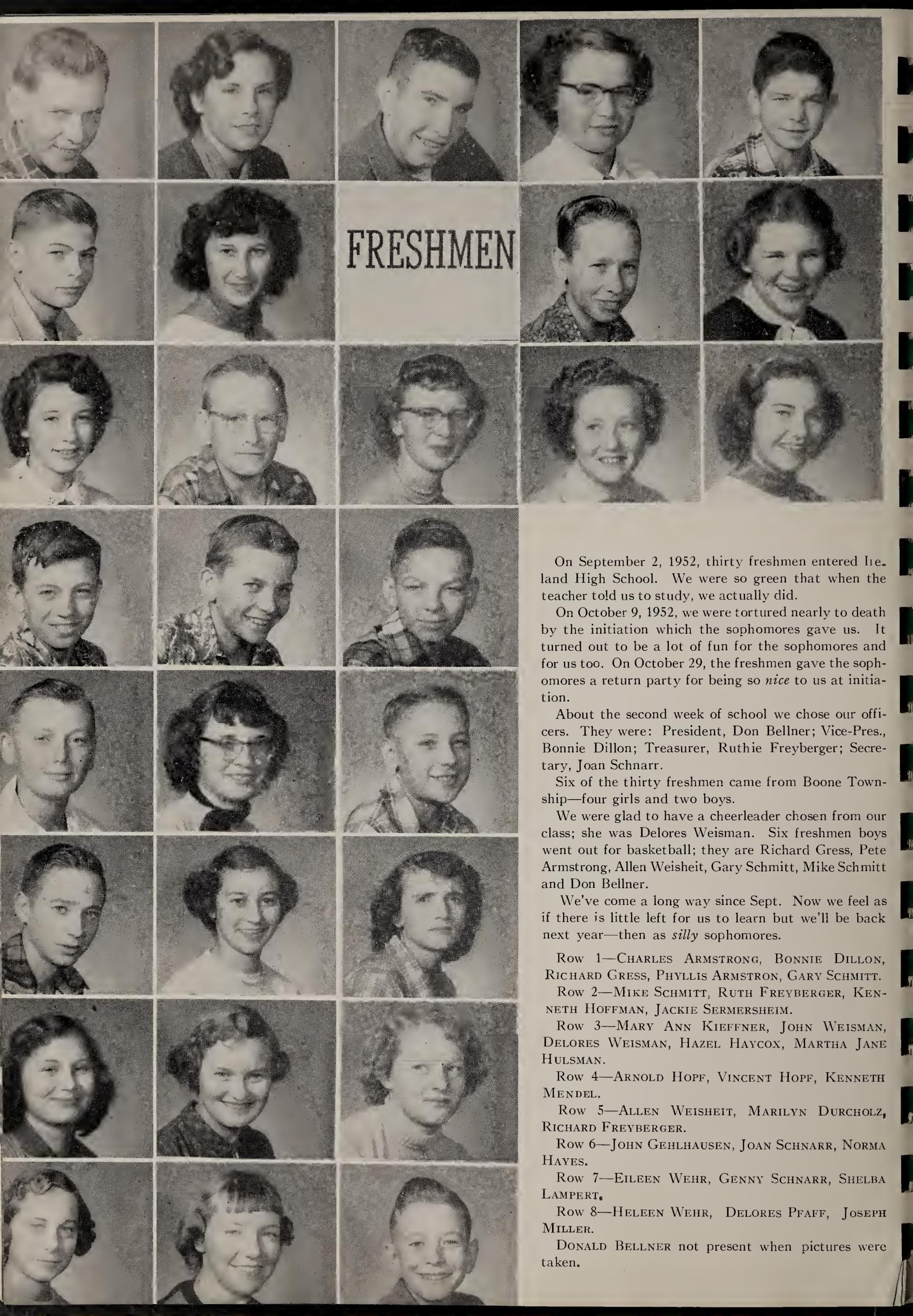
Second Row—MONICA TERWISKE, URBAN SCHWENK, JOAN DURCHOLZ.

Third Row—LINDA SCHITTER, LINDA SERMERSHEIM, BEVERLY LEINENBACH.

Fourth Row—PATTY STENFTENAGEL, BETTY SCHNAUS, CAMILLA ACKERMAN.

Fifth Row—MARY GEHLHAUSEN, MARGIE BLESSINGER, and PHYLLIS HUBSTER.

Donald Werner and Rosie Abrens not present when pictures were taken.



FRESHMEN

On September 2, 1952, thirty freshmen entered Ieland High School. We were so green that when the teacher told us to study, we actually did.

On October 9, 1952, we were tortured nearly to death by the initiation which the sophomores gave us. It turned out to be a lot of fun for the sophomores and for us too. On October 29, the freshmen gave the sophomores a return party for being so *nice* to us at initiation.

About the second week of school we chose our officers. They were: President, Don Bellner; Vice-Pres., Bonnie Dillon; Treasurer, Ruthie Freyberger; Secretary, Joan Schnarr.

Six of the thirty freshmen came from Boone Township—four girls and two boys.

We were glad to have a cheerleader chosen from our class; she was Delores Weisman. Six freshmen boys went out for basketball; they are Richard Gress, Pete Armstrong, Allen Weisheit, Gary Schmitt, Mike Schmitt and Don Bellner.

We've come a long way since Sept. Now we feel as if there is little left for us to learn but we'll be back next year—then as *silly* sophomores.

Row 1—CHARLES ARMSTRONG, BONNIE DILLON, RICHARD GRESS, PHYLLIS ARMSTRON, GARY SCHMITT.

Row 2—MIKE SCHMITT, RUTH FREYBERGER, KENNETH HOFFMAN, JACKIE SERMERSHEIM.

Row 3—MARY ANN KIEFFNER, JOHN WEISMAN, DELORES WEISMAN, HAZEL HAYCOX, MARTHA JANE HULSMAN.

Row 4—ARNOLD HOPF, VINCENT HOPF, KENNETH MENDEL.

Row 5—ALLEN WEISHEIT, MARILYN DURCHOLZ, RICHARD FREYBERGER.

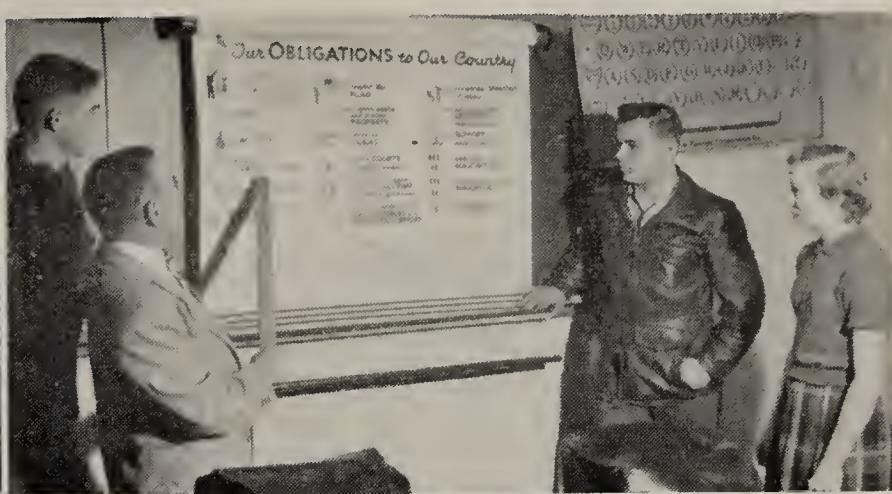
Row 6—JOHN GEHLHAUSEN, JOAN SCHNARR, NORMA HAYES.

Row 7—EILEEN WEHR, GENNY SCHNARR, SHELBA LAMPERT.

Row 8—HELEEN WEHR, DELORES PFAFF, JOSEPH MILLER.

DONALD BELLNER not present when pictures were taken.

CLASS PICTURES

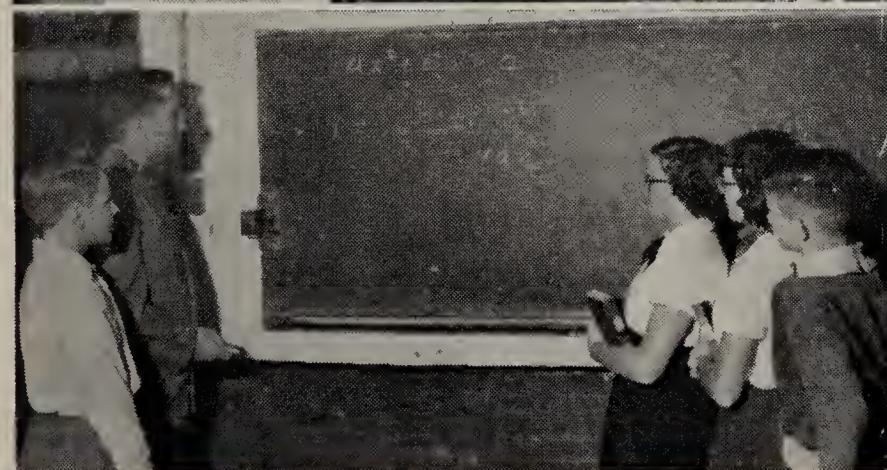


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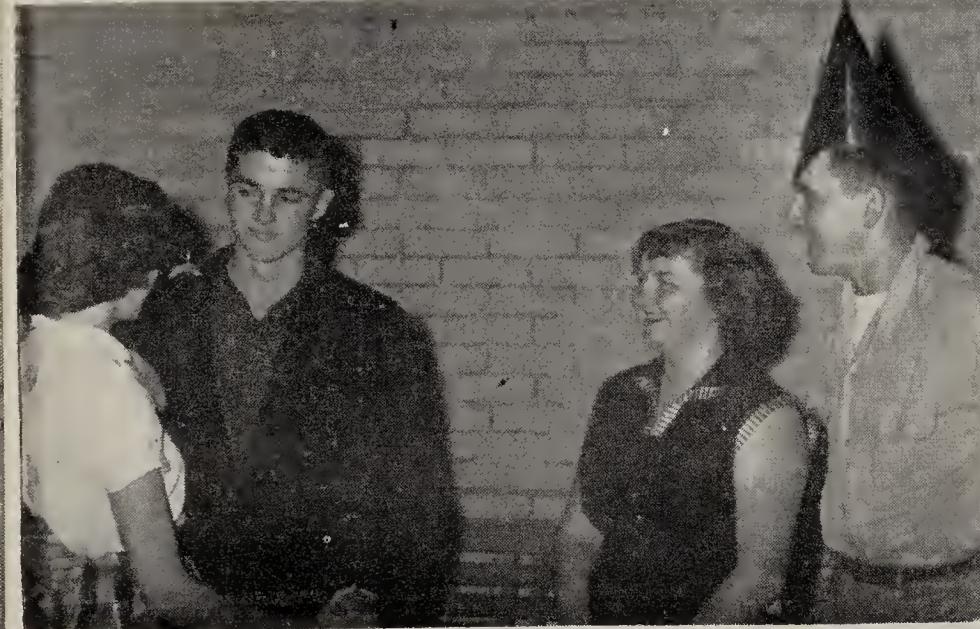


HOLIDAYS

LOVE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

IRISHISM FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

EASTER BUNNY FOR EASTER



TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING

SANTA FOR CHRISTMAS

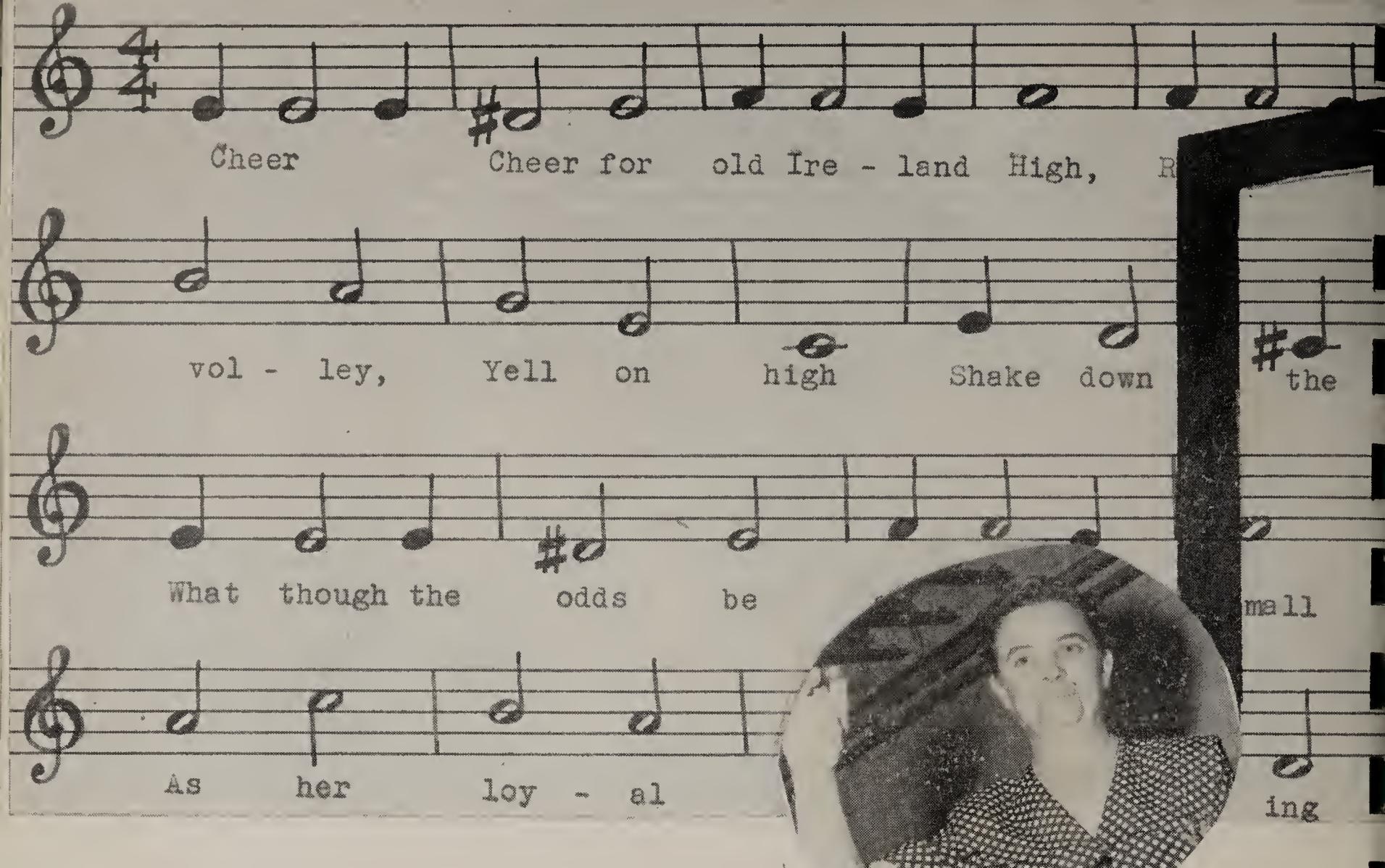
MERRY MAKING FOR NEW YEAR'S

QUEENS

Miss Jeanie Murray, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Russel Murray, was the popular choice to represent Ireland High School at the annual Huntingburg Christmas Festival on December 13. She was Queen for a day and the recipient of many beautiful gifts.



Loveliness and beauty reigned on the night of December 3 when Miss Esther Bartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bartley, reigned as basketball queen of 1952-1953. She was chosen by the student body.



Ireland High School Band

Dorothy Weisheit
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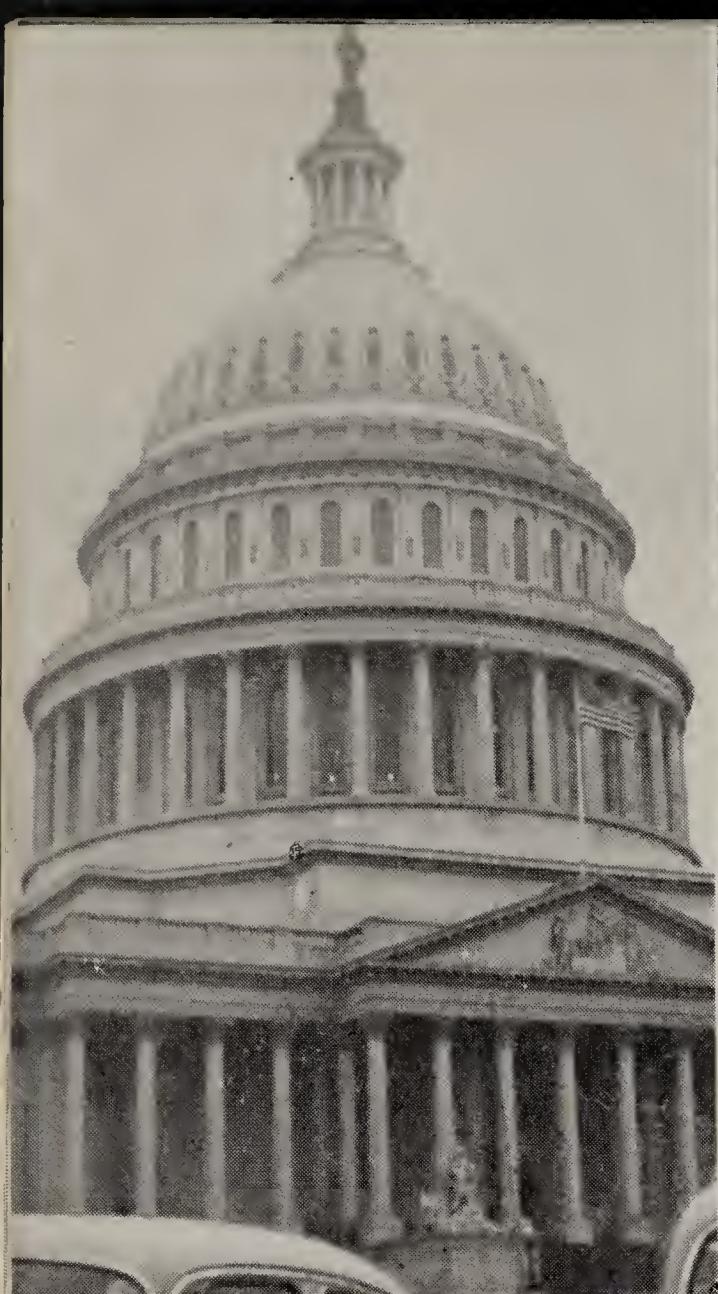
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Patty Stenftenagel
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Margie Blessinger
Mary Gehlhausen
Monica Terwiske





Our Senior Trip

We left Washington, Indiana, at 1:19 P. M. on Sunday April 26, on the B. & O. Railroad coaches. We had dinner that night in the dining car and arrived in Washington, D. C. at 7:25 A. M. On Monday morning the class took a sightseeing tour of Washington, which included the Embassies, Legations, Zoological Gardens & a stop at the Pan American Building.

We had luncheon at the hotel, which was followed by a tour of the Congressional Library, Folger Shakespearian Library, Supreme Court Building and United States Capitol Building. The evening was open for individual pleasure.

On the third day we took a sightseeing tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and also stopped at the Washington Monument for a trip to the top. We then went to the White House, the home of President Eisenhower.

As the day before, we had lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon we took a sight-seeing tour of the Arlington Cemetery, at Alexandria, Mt. Vernon, and also saw the Lincoln Memorial.

On the fourth day we went to the Old and New Museums, Aircraft Building, Army Medical Museum and National Gallery of Art.

On Wednesday afternoon we left our beautiful capitol, and proceeded on to the biggest city in the United States, New York City. The first evening was spent walking down Broadway, and seeing a top-notch play. Thursday morning we visited Radio City and took a trip through the Bronx and other places of interest, on top of a double decker bus. Thursday afternoon we visited the U. N. Building. Friday morning was spent taking a yacht cruise down the Hudson River. Saturday morning was spent going to the top of the Empire State Building, and visiting other places of interest. In the afternoon we enjoyed shopping in the big city. At 3:30 P. M. we again boarded the B. & O. and at 9:30 Sunday morning we arrived back home in Washington, Indiana. Our long awaited trip came to a close but will never be forgotten.



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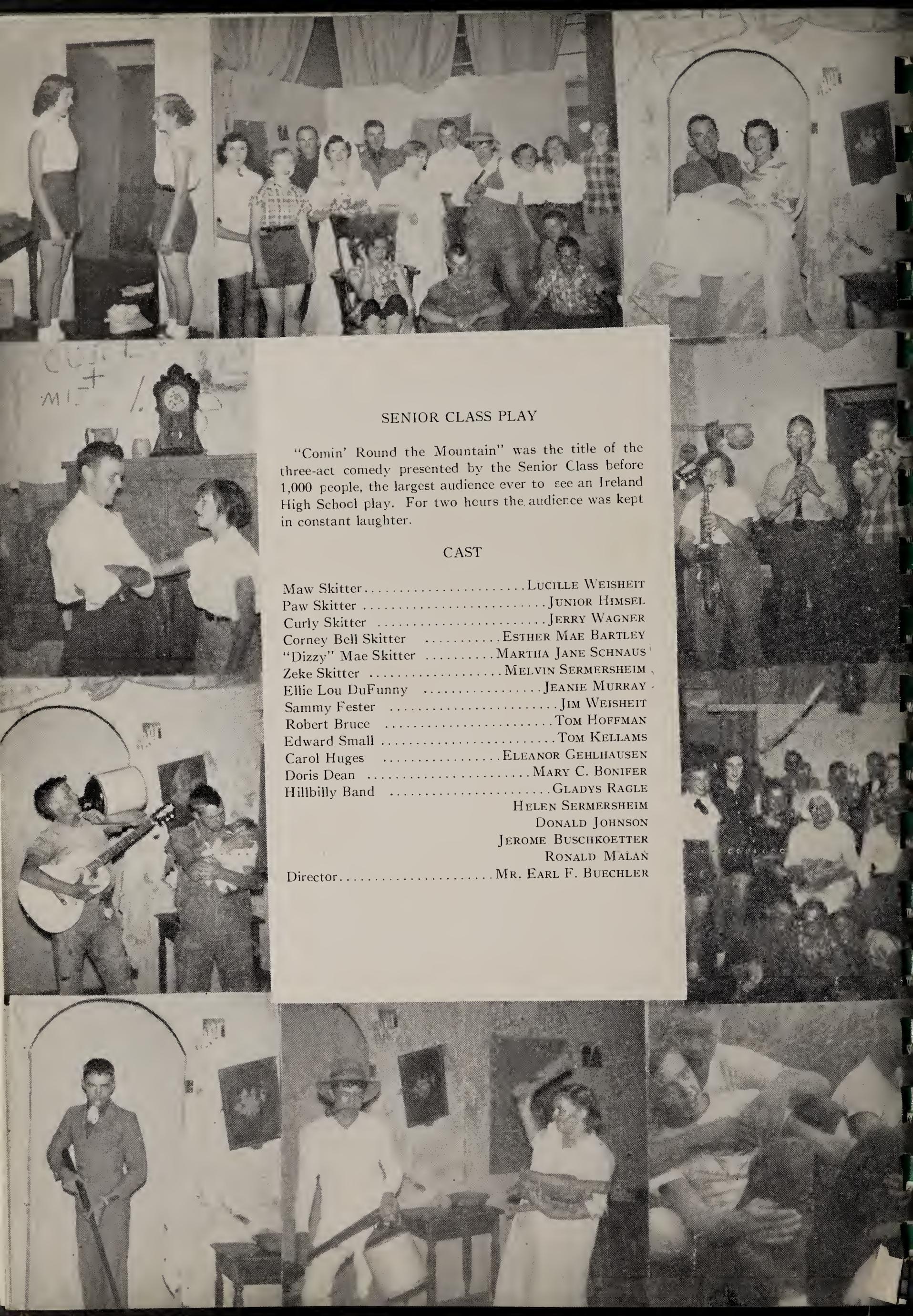
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SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Comin' Round the Mountain" was the title of the three-act comedy presented by the Senior Class before 1,000 people, the largest audience ever to see an Ireland High School play. For two hours the audience was kept in constant laughter.

CAST

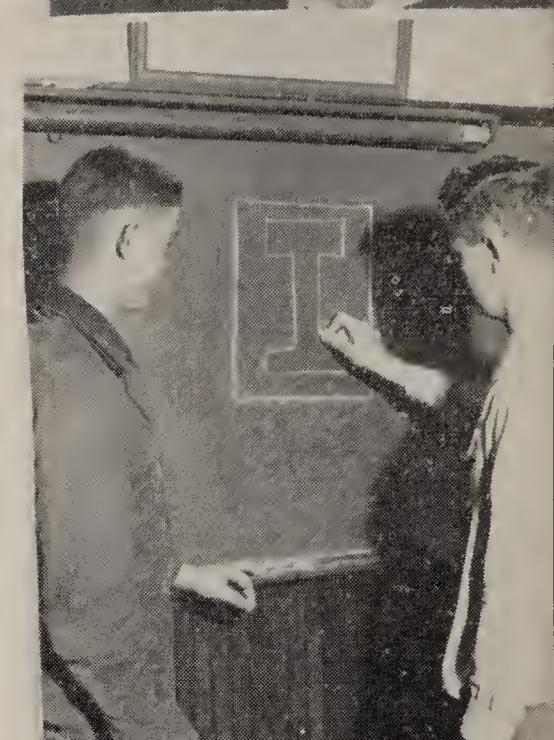
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Junior Class Play

On March 6, the Junior Class commenced practice for their comedy, which was presented in April. The cast was chosen and from the first practice on, the play was an assured success. The director of the comedy was Mrs. Barkley, to whom much of the success was accredited. The large receptive audience was high in their approval for the Juniors and their director.





Crowning of the Basketball Queen

Esther Bartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bartley, was crowned basketball queen for the 1952-53 basketball season. The maid-of-honor was Mary Bonifer, and Martha Schnaus was the other senior attendant. The queen and maid-of-honor were dressed in white and the other attendants were dressed in light green. The queen and her court carried bouquets of white carnations with a background of green ferns. The stage was decorated in green and white, trimmed with red roses. SPUDS was written in simulated silver.

The under-class attendants were Marleen Vonderheide, Frances Mehringer, Monica Terwiske, Joan Durcholz, Joan Schnarr, Mary Ann Kieffner.

The crown bearer was little Miss Gaye Padgett and the ball carrier was little Tommy Kunkel.

The Seniors were again in charge of the decorations and the plans.

Captain Jerry Wagner had the honor of crowning the lovely queen. Music for the coronation was furnished by the Ireland High School Band.



Introducing Sports





JERRY KEMP—A product of Otwell High School, Jerry went to Purdue and graduated in 1950. He began his second year as coach of the 52-53 successful Spuds. Jerry was always keeping his team in a good fighting spirit. His two years here at Ireland were very successful and *The Staff* wishes him the best of luck in the future.

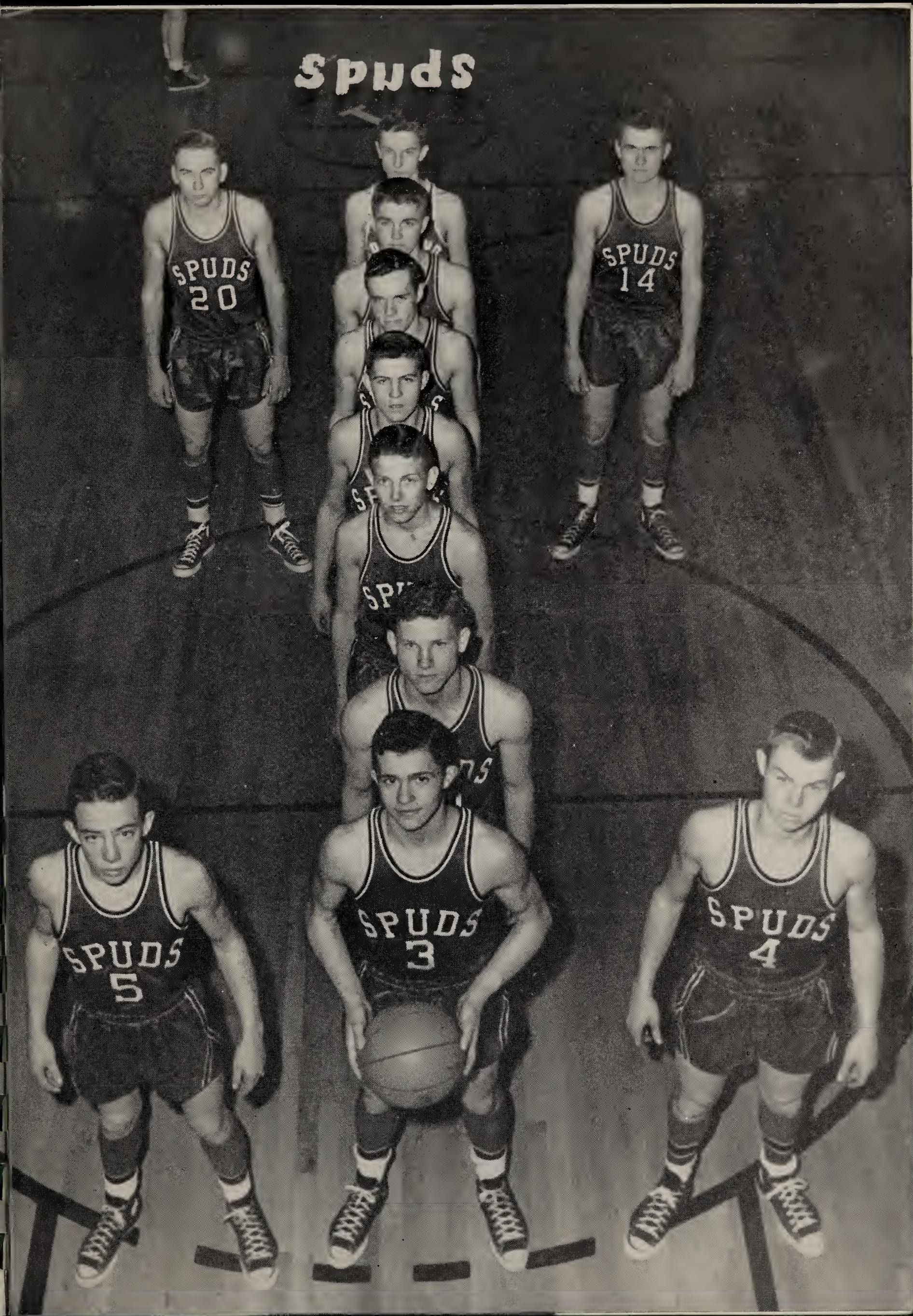


ALBERT MILLER—Bobo became assistant Student manager his first year at Ireland High and learned all the steps of a good student manager. Next year he will take over from Bushy as the head man. Albert has the makings of another good student manager as we always had in the past.



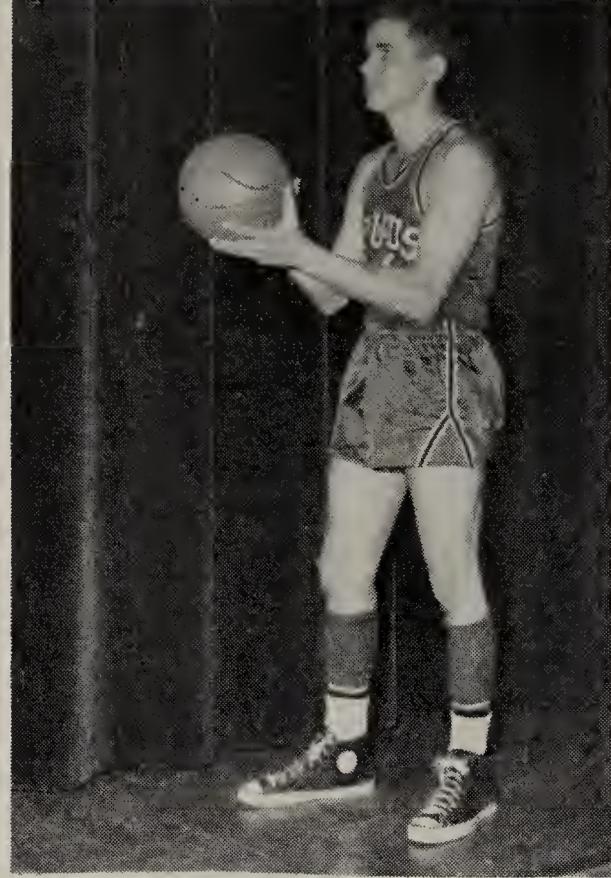
EARL BUECHLER—Better known as "Woody" Mr. Buechler has been assistant coach four years at Ireland High. "Woody" has been a valuable asset to the team with his school spirit. He was always ready to lend a helping hand where ever he was needed.

SPUDS



OUR

JERRY WAGNER—Jerry was probably the most improved player of the year. Jerry's aggressiveness, spirit, and even his comical antics at practices will be missed next year.



TOM KELLAMS—Tom was another three year varsity member. He was one of the hardest working and most likable fellows ever to wear a Spuds uniform. Much of the team's success is accredited to Tom.

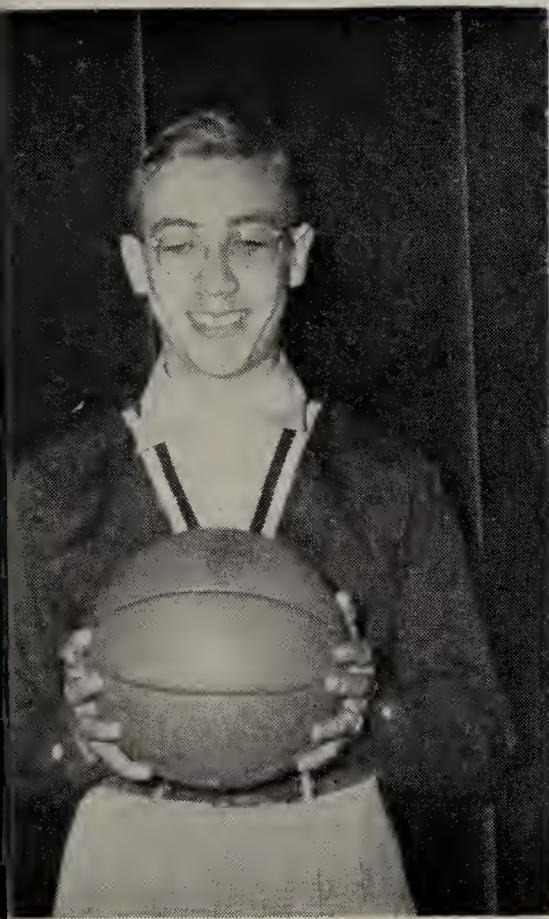


DON JOHNSON—Don was a newcomer from Dubois who proved to be very valuable to the Spuds in his Senior year. He was fast and had a good one-handed push shot.



TOM HOFFMAN—Tom, a starter for three years, played forward and center for the Spuds, and was an excellent rebound man and one of the leading scorers on the team.

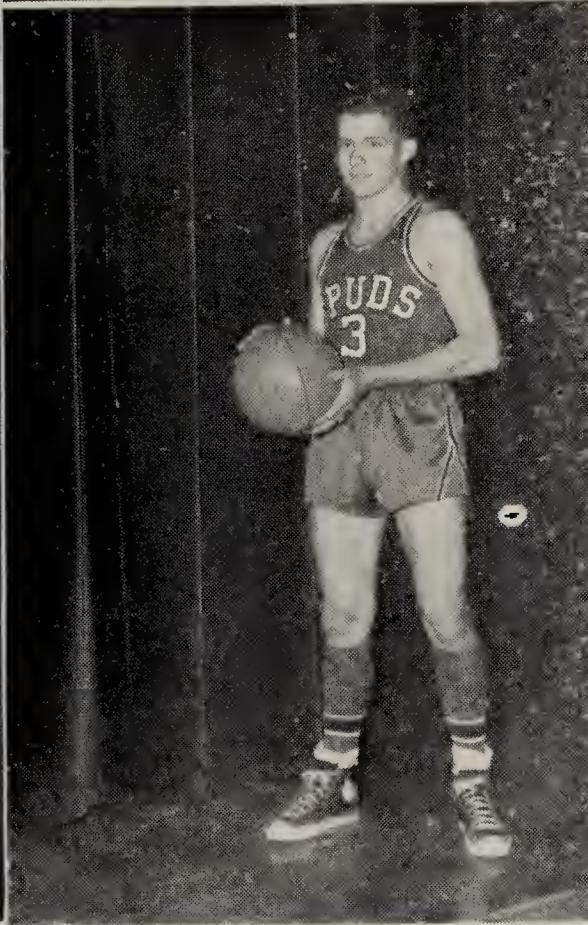
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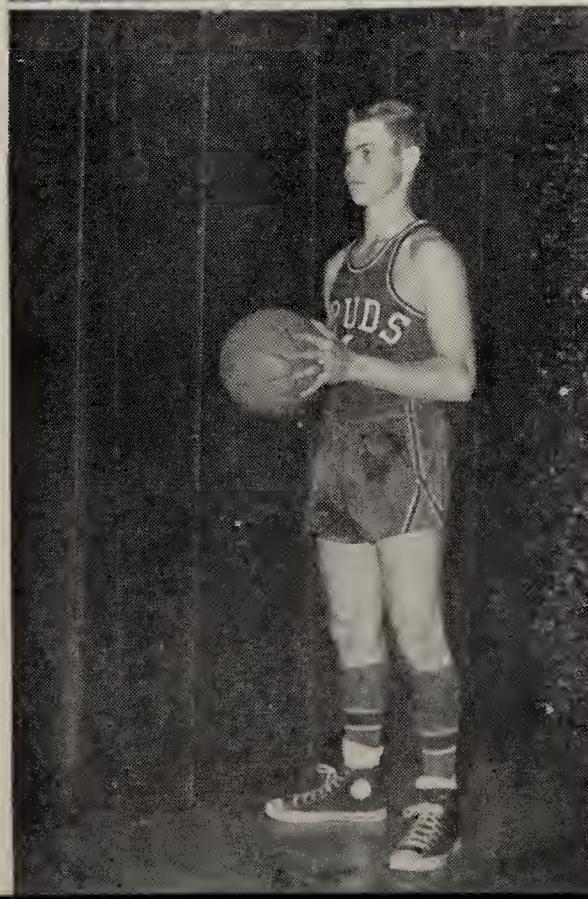
JEROME BUSCHKOETTER—Bushy, the dependable student manager, began his career as assistant student manager in his Sophomore year. In his Junior year he was included with the top brass. He was very active at all ball games. He has Albert Miller following in his footsteps.



JIM WEISHEIT—a regular for two years Jim was a strong competitor for rebounds. A good shot from underneath and a tough defensive man.

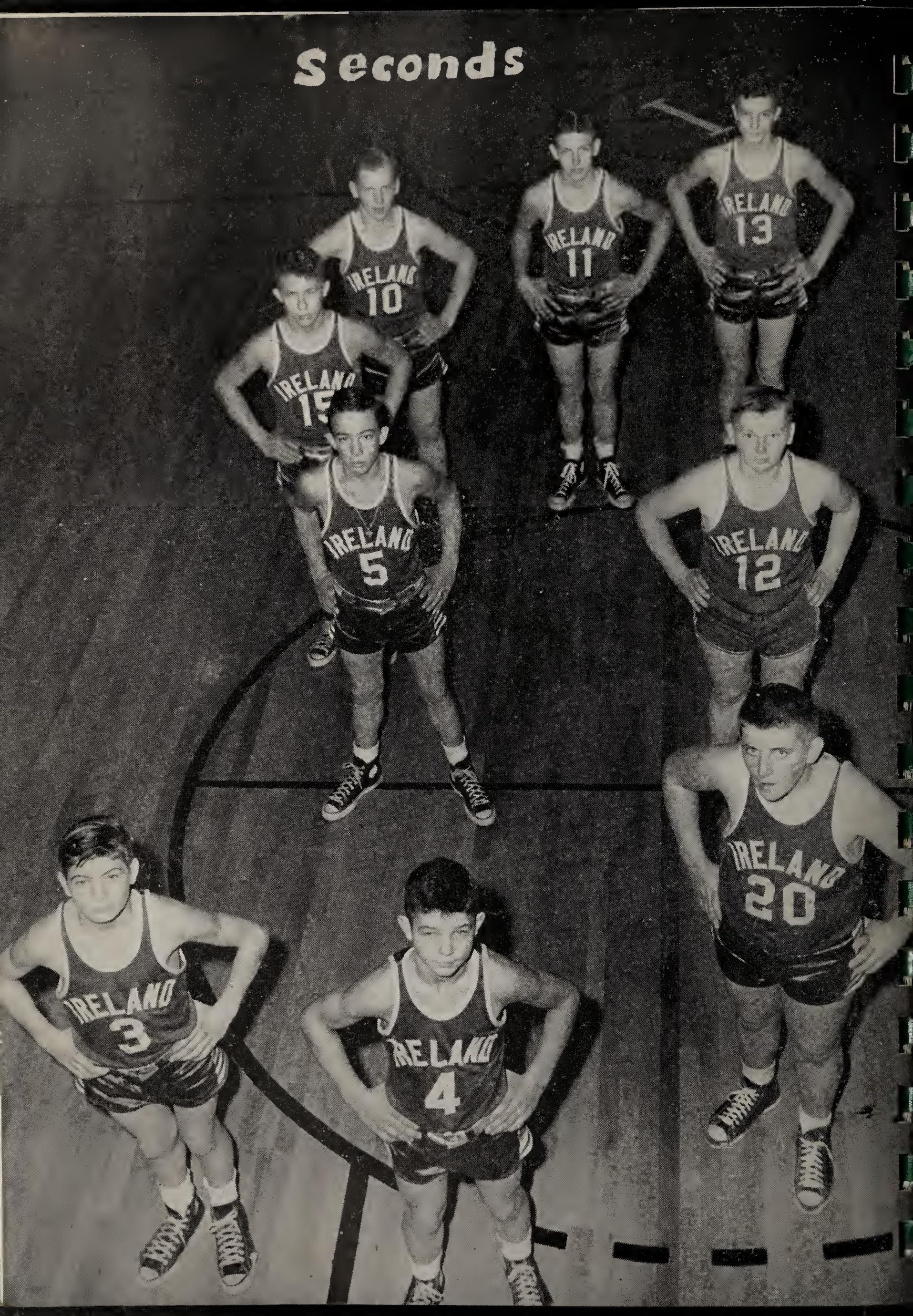


JUNIE HIMSEL—a little guard, scored plenty of points for his three years on the varsity. He was on starting five for the last two years. He was a driving type of ballplayer, but scored many shots from well out on the floor.



MELVIN SERMERSHEIM — a varsity member for two years, proved to be a valuable defensive man and was considered a good one-handed push shot.

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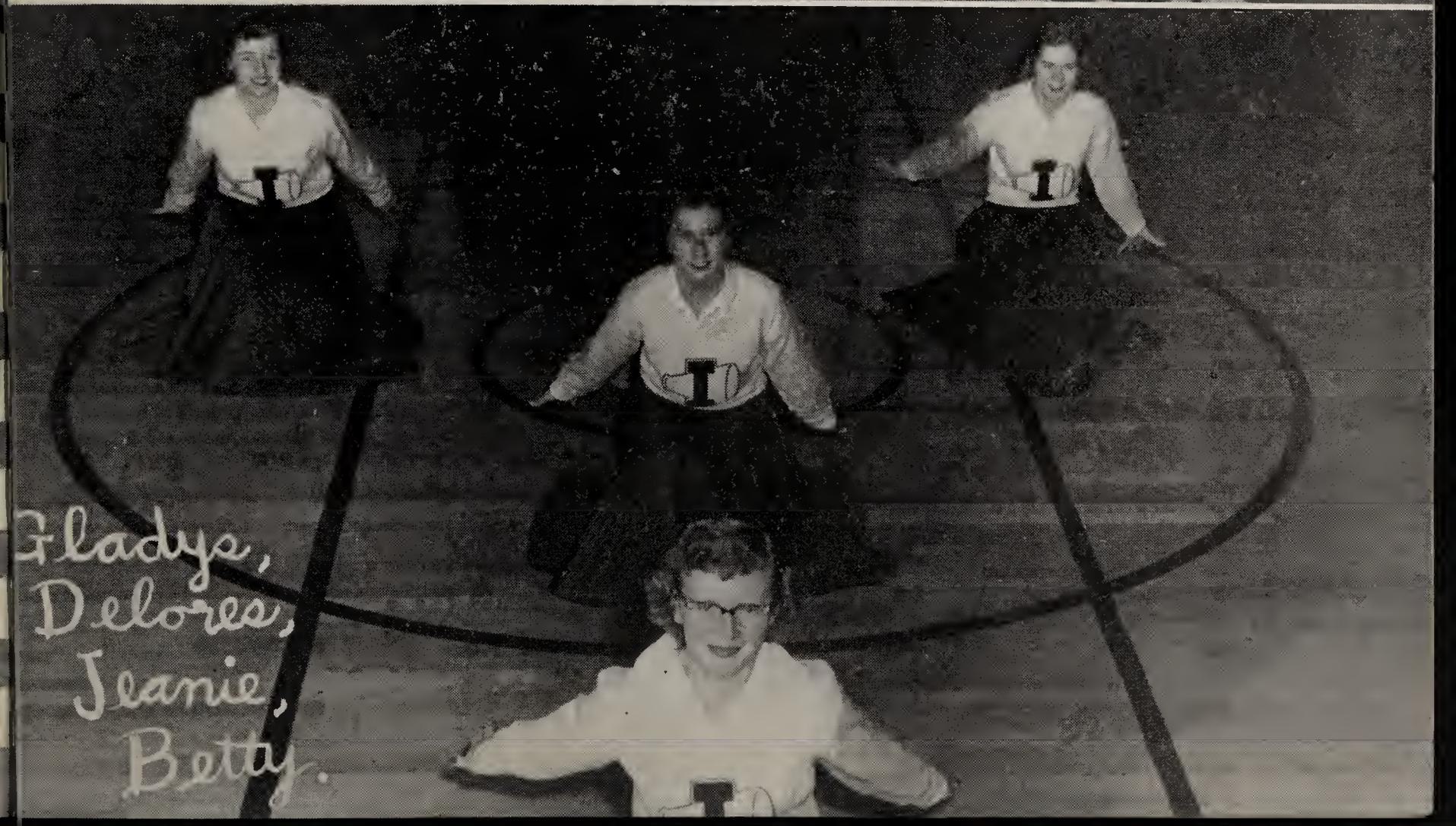




Baseball



Junior
Basketball



Gladys,
Delores,
Jeanie,
Betty.

IRELAND SPUDS

<i>Ireland</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
51....Oil Township	59
37....Spurgeon.....	53
71....Alfordsville	49
52....Troy	44
45....Dubois	60
46....Mackey	54
85....Tennyson	41
63....Otwell	57
49....Elnora	48
57....Stendall	61
61*...Stendal	49
67*...Otwell	48
51....Dubois	52
32....Lincoln	82
53....Mt. Olympus	43
73....Ferdinand	69
63....St. John's Loogootee	64
73....Alfordsville.....	56
56....Otwell	46
63....Chrisney	78
44....Dubois (Sectional)	57

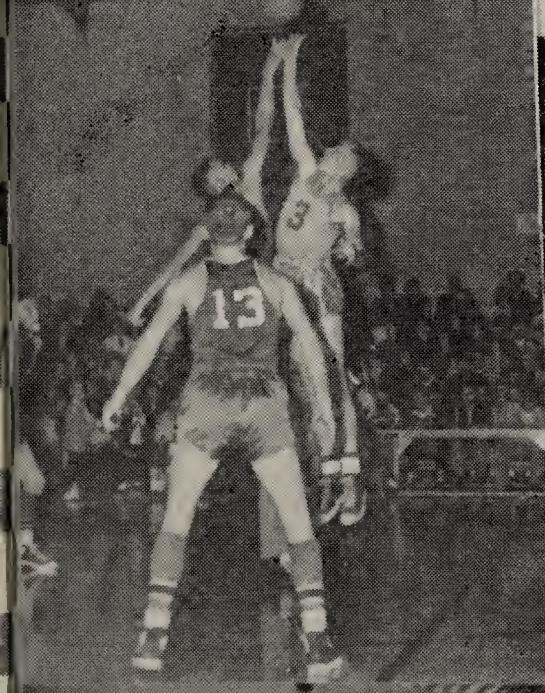
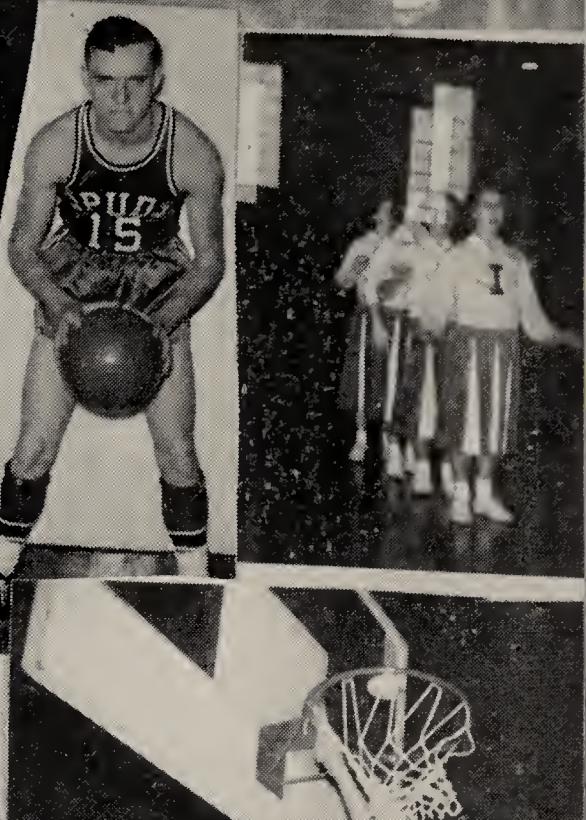
*Holiday Tourney

SECOND TEAM

<i>Ireland</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
33....Oil Township	26
54....Spurgeon.....	37
37....Alfordsville	19
38....Troy	39
32....Dubois	33
43....Mackey	27
42....Tennyson	27
33....Otwell	36
35....Elnora	28
53....Stendal	28
38....Dubois	35
30....Lincoln	38
33....Mt. Olympus	28
36....Ferdinand	31
31....St. John's Loogootee	33
25....Alfordsville	28
20....Otwell	28
47....Chrisney	46

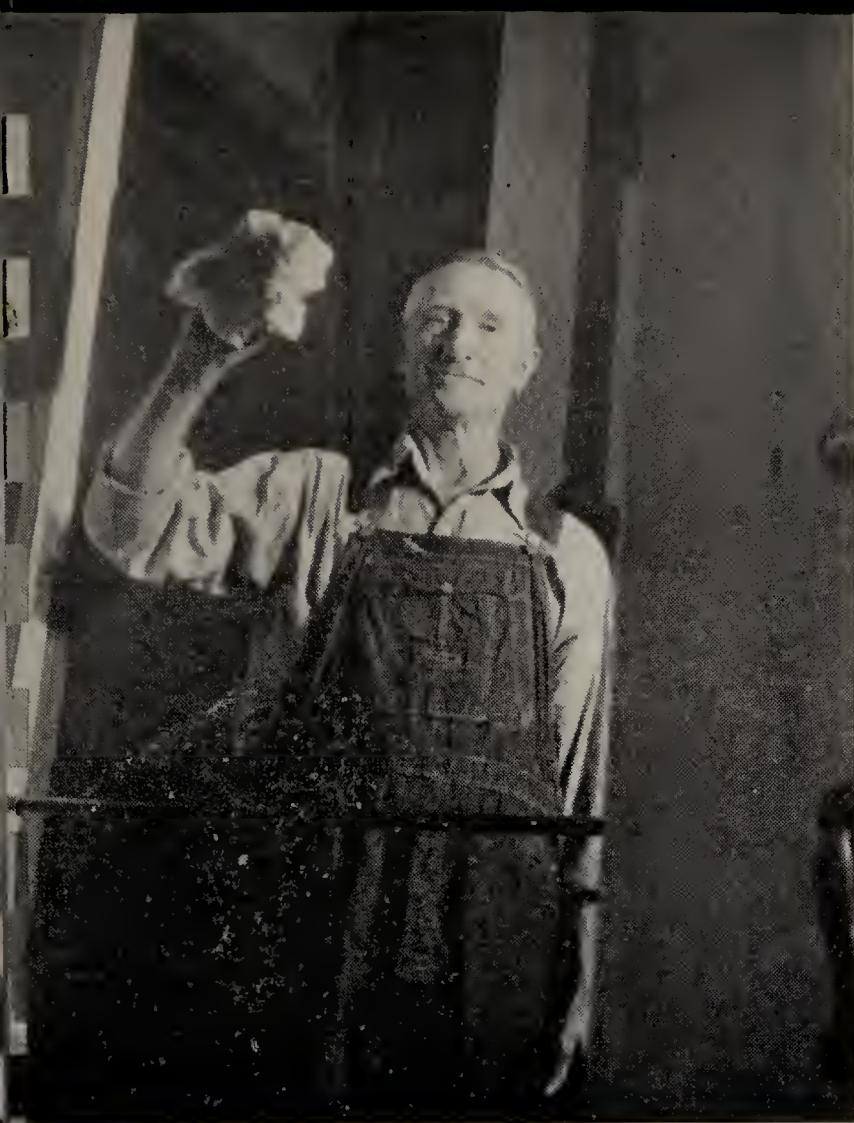
INDIVIDUAL RECORD

	<i>F.G.</i>	<i>F.T.</i>	<i>P.F.</i>	<i>T.P.</i>
Hoffman	97	71	68	265
Kellams.....	44	20	43	108
Himsel.....	77	49	64	203
Weisheit	56	52	68	164
Wagner	97	30	57	224
Mendel	6	6	14	18
Rohlede.....	23	13	25	59
Sermersheim.....	16	10	20	42
Schitter	11	13	16	35
Johnson.....	5	2	8	12
Mehringer.....	17	20	35	54
Armstrong	1	6	5	8
Gress	0	1	0	1
Totals	450	296	442	1193



ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE FOUND IN THE
ADS—GO FIND THEM

1. What does Jerry and Jeanie do when they park?
2. Who parked behind the gym on October 23?
3. Who coundn't move their car after play practice?
4. Who fell in the fish pond after the leap year dance?
5. How did Gladys Schitter get home from the Oil Township ballgame?
6. Who smiled at Jim Weisheit one day in typing class?
7. Where did Miss Garrison teach before she came to Ireland?
8. Who tore his pants while jumping across a fence?
9. Where would Woody like to take a trip to this summer?
10. Whose '52 Chevie' is parked at Schitter's house?
11. Who is Marilyn Durcholz's charmer?
12. Who is the most forward senior boy?
13. Who is always looking for Charlie Mehringer?
14. Who left ball practice at 6:30 one night to see some certain girl?
15. Who day dreams about a certain soldier boy?
16. Who brought a sailor to play practice?
17. What did Eleanor like so much in the Junior Class Play?
18. Who thinks strangers are alright?
19. Who thought a single tree was a tree standing by itself?
20. Whose picture landed in Vic Pfaff's bedroom?
21. Who turned his car over on state road 56?
22. Why is Lucille's eye like an apple to Donald Johnson?
23. Who thinks Woody is a dreamy economics teacher?
24. Who was Monica angry at after the Senior Class Play?
25. What did Jerry Kemp do on the way to Oil Twp.?
26. Who is assistant student manager this year?
27. Who wears Donald Malan's class ring?
28. Who brought cherry chocolates to the annual meeting?
29. Which Junior boy is always talking in bookkeeping class?
30. What does Sylvester Rohleder like to do best?
31. Who took the senior boys for a ride after play practice last year?
32. Where did Johnny Gehlhausen go to school the first day this year?
33. What couple was lost after band practice?
34. What are the seniors going to do on April 26, 1953.
35. Who fell over a chair while asking to dance with Camilla?
36. What does Patty Stenftenagel think the Magna Carta is?
37. What freshman girl has a crush on Donald Johnson?
38. Who are the two tallest boys in the freshman class?
39. Who are the two red headed girls in the freshman class?
40. What has four legs,a head, a foot, and can't walk?
41. Who is always flirting with the girls?
42. Who likes to go to weddings?
43. Who was fighting in the little assembly?
44. What freshman goes with a soldier in Tennessee?
45. What happened to Mary after the Spurgeon ballgame?
46. Where did Eleanor and Bushy go after the Junior-Senior Prom?
47. Who is Gladys Ragle's friend in Alaska?
48. Who tried to ask Jim for a date for the Leap Year Dance?
49. How many kids did Ma and Pa Skitter have?
50. Who was Dizzy Mae's best friend?
51. Who did Woody take to the Junior-Senior Prom, 1952?
52. Why does Bushy like strawberry wine?
53. Who gave Frank Wehr a good shower?
54. Why does Bushy always run when he sees Rosie coming?
55. Who helped Mary Bonifer milk the cows?
56. Who wrote Jeanie an apologetic letter?
57. Why did the sophomore boys of 1951 like the geometry class?
58. Who did the senior boys dedicate the song O-O--D-E-E to?
59. Where did we have our best and last annual meeting?



FRANK



BOY'S PHYS. ED.

I'll Never Forget

LUCILLE WEISHEIT—our senior class trip to Washington, D. C.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER—all my time I spent with the girls planning for the annual.

GLADYS RAGLE—Eugene Bissey's last day on the bus.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM—the time the senior boys went fox hunting and played pool.

MARITHA SCHNAUS—when I was basketball queen in my freshman year.

RONALD MALAN—my two years at I. H. S.

HELEN SERMERSHEIM—the time I fell out of my seat in the big assembly.

DONALD JOHNSON—the candy and coke machine.

JEANIE MURRAY—when I was Huntingburg queen and the leap year dance.

JERRY WAGNER—our parties at the drive-in theater and the Junior prom.

ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN—my part in the Junior Play.

JIM WEISHEIT—the party after the Senior Play.

ESTHER BARTLEY—when I was crowned basketball queen.

TOM KELLAMS—Esarey's study hall, especially Jim.

MARY BONIFER—the many times I was late for school.

TOM HOFFMAN—the night of the Epsom basketball game.

JUNIE HIMSEL—four years of basketball at I. H. S.

JEROME BUSCHKOETTER—the bake sale.

LUCILLE WEISHEIT—when I knocked the bark off a tree.

JERRY WAGNER—the 50 minute night.

ESTHER BARTLEY & JEANIE MURRAY—when we went to see the "Globetrotters".

JUNIE HIMSEL—the prison on the way back from Tennyson.

TOM HOFFMAN—the final act of the Senior Play.

MARY BONIFER—one Saturday night at the dance.

MARITHA SCHNAUS—the stiff neck I got watching T. V.

SENIOR GIRLS—the afternoon we spent at Esther's & Martha's houses before the Senior Play.

SENIOR BOYS—our geometry and arithmetic classes.

EARL "WOODY" BUECHLER—the four years I spent with the senior class.

SENIOR CLASS—the many annual meetings we had.

ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN—the trip to New York.

GLADYS RAGLE & ELEANOR GEHLHAUSEN—the leap year dance.

TOM KELLAMS—the many dates with a certain senior girl.

DONALD JOHNSON—that freshman girl.

JIM WEISHEIT—Bebbie.

HELEN SERMERSHEIM—my typing grades.

MELVIN SERMERSHEIM—geometry class.



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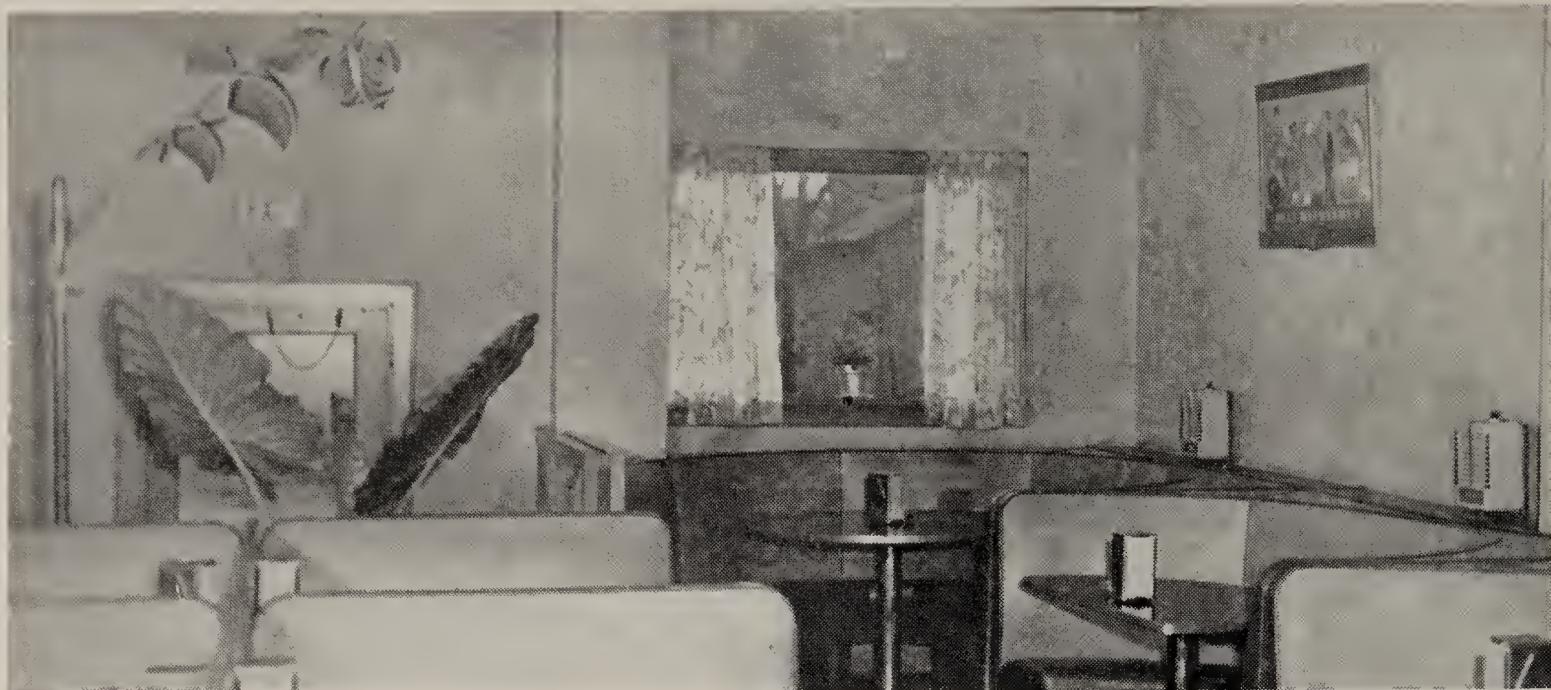


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